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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMPROVED FILTRATE ADDITION IN A CONTINUOUS DIGESTER

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- ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

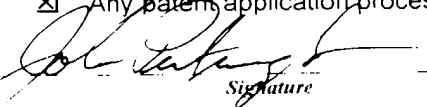
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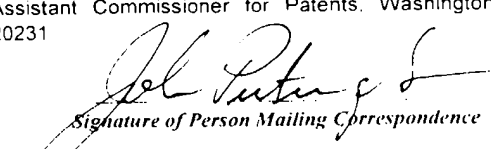
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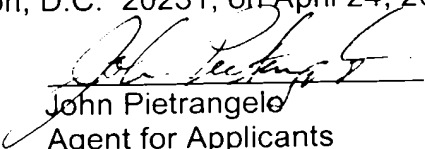
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION**

Dear Sir:

This Response to Restriction is being submitted in reply to the Office Action containing a Restriction mailed March 26, 2003 for the above-referenced application. Since this Response to Office Action is being filed on or before April 26, 2003, this Response is being timely filed.

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Introductory Comments

This Amendment is submitted in accordance with the Revised Amendment Format under the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 as issued by the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy on January 31, 2003.

The Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered prior to further examination of the above-referenced application.